JIVORCE FOR J. B. POTTER.

WIS WIFE, CORA URQUHART POT-TER, OFFERED NO DEFENCE.

Posertion the Charge Made-Letters Rend From Mrs. Potter in Which She Spoke of Her Ambition to Elevate the Stage and Her Dislike of Her Husband's Family. NEWPORT, R. I., June 4.-In the Supreme Court to-day James Brown Potter obtained a divorce from his wife, Cora Urquhart Potter, the actress. The case was heard by Justice Boratio Rogers. Col. Samuel R. Honey appeared for the petitioner and Col. Willam P. Sheffield. Ir., for Mrs. Potter. Early in the day it was stated that the Court had been asked to accept depositions on which the case was heard. so that there might be no public hearing. The request was not acceded to, although the papers

e read in an undertone. The allegations on which Mr. Potter's petition for a divorce was based were desertion for more then five years and the fact that the parties to the suit had been living apart for more than ten years. The deposition of James Brown Potter was first read. It stated that he was married in 1877 in Louisiana, had lived in New York and Tuxedo and was now a resident o Rhode Island and his daughter was born in He came to Newport in November, and is assessed for personal estate here and has no other home. In the spring of 1886, he said, his wife and daughter went abroad with his consent, but he did not consent to his wife's going on the professional stage, and he correponded with her to that effect.

Counsel read a letter dated "New Year's, and addressed to "My Dear Jim," from Potter to her husband. In it she said that all she cared about was her art, her husband, her child, her mother and her brother She was ashamed of nothing she did if they approved of it. She was ambitious and full hope and was "going to elevate the stage." Think what you will of me, some day you will be proud of me," she wrote. The letter contained a postscript saying: "How I hate your

Another letter from Mrs. Potter to her husnd dated Jan. 9, 1887, said that "the time has come when I will do what I want. I have never been received by your family as I shouldted by your mother before our marriage, which I never can forget. The Potters are nothing to me, nor do I care for their name. I love my art, heart and soul, and if there must be any rows I want them now, so I can have all my time for my work. I can't settle down to a parrow life like yours.

A copy was then introduced of a letter written by Mr. Potter to his wife in which he cautioned her to be careful that she did not make breach between them. He stated that the breach dated from Feb. 23, 1883, when he cabled to her that her contract at the Haymarket was not made with his consent and demanded that she cancel it. She answered declining to cancel the contract and saying that it was nseless for him to come on. She said she was an artist now and would manage her own career She concluded by saying: "We are not now in the dark ages when wives were

Other letters were introduced showing her determination to go on the stage and indicating an intention to have nothing more to do with

It appeared in Mr. Potter's deposition that Mrs. Potter visited him at Tuxedo in 1889, but that she occupied separate apartments and showed no affection whatever and that he had not corresponded with her since 1889. Mr. Potter further stated that he had always conducted himself as a faithful husband.

The deposition of Mary J. Dawlin, a servant was next read. It told of the separation and of her advising Mrs. Potter not to break up her home. Witness said that Mrs. Potter always spoke with dislike of her husband's family and attributed his refusal to allow her to go on the stage to them.

The depositions of Henry Cass De Rham and Alfred Seaton, Jr., both of Tuxedo, said that Mr. Potter had been living alone at Tuxedo

Counsel said there were scores and scores of letters which he would offer if desired, but the Court said that it was "unnecessary to go over a lot of rubbish." Thereupon the peti tioner rested his case. Col. Sheffield who appeared for Mrs. Potter, said that he had nothing whatever to say. His appearance was probably made that the case might not go

The certificate of citizenship granted to Mr. Potter by the Supreme Court was then read and Justice Rogers said he was satisfied that a case had been made out and granted the di-

Emma Guidet Duryee obtained a divorce from her husband, Gustavus Abeel Duryee of New York, on the ground of extreme cruelty and neglect to provide. She also obtained the custody of her three minor children.

Mary B. Chesebro got a divorce from her busband, Frank A. Chesebro, on the ground of adultery, refusal to provide and cruelty. Mrs. Jennie L. Preston got a divorce from ber husband. Charles E. Preston, on the ground of adultery and obtained the custody of her two minor children. Mr. Preston is the Episcopal dergyman who mysteriously disappeared from Sound steamer in October last and was later found in Troy, N. Y.

MARRIED ON HIS DEATH BED. J. L. Jensen, Who Wedded Mrs. Stiles When He Learned He Couldn't Recover, Dead.

Former Police Commissioner James L. Jensen of Brooklyn died on Sunday night of pneumonia at the country seat of his wife, to whom he had been married only three days before, at Hempstead, L. I. About a week ago Mr. Jensen contracted pneumonia, and as soon as he realized that he could not recover expressed a desire to be married to Mrs. Eliza A. Stiles, with whom behad long been friendly. The Rev. Eugene Zwinger, pastor of the German Lutheran Church at Hempstead, performed the ceremony. He will officate at the funeral services on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Jensen was in his sitty-third year and had nearly all his life been a resident of the Greenpoint district in Brook-lyn. He owned a large china factory. For many years he was active in Republican politics and he served as Police Commissioner during the administration of Mayor Schroeder. Of late years he had affiliated with the Democrats. He leaves two sons and a daugnter. He was secretary of the Municipal Electric Light Company.

MISS SANGER ISN'T VINDICTIVE.

Shoot Her-Must Say So in Court. Miss Carrie Sanger or Senges was not in the West Side police court yesterday when the young man who described himself as Edwin J. Dawcon of 216 West 128th street was arraigned on the charge of having attempted to shoot her in her apartments because she wouldn't marry im. A lawyer appeared for her and said she

didn't wish to prosecute "She isn't vindictive," said the lawyer. All she wants is to be let alone, and the young man's people have promised to take him out of the

well, said Magistrate Pool, "that may all be true, but I want her to come here and say it berself. I'll postpone this case until be morrow morning and if she isn't here then. I'll issue an attachment for her."

The prisoner wouldn't talk about himself nor would two men who were with him in court.

STOLE TO GET AN ENGAGEMENT RING.

at the House of a Friend. on after Philip Ceiselman came back with the Seventy-first Regiment from Cuba he besame engaged to a young woman, but couldn't give her an engagement ring, so he told Magistrate Olmsted yesterday, because he couldn't and work. He was before the Magistrate for having stolen a diamond brooch valued at \$500 from Mrs. Barbara Detger of 525 Third averue, whose nepnew he had been visiting. He explained that when he saw the brooch lying on a table he took it because he couldn't help thinking how well one of the diamonds would look on as weetheart's finger. He pawned two of the cones, and had the third set in an engagement

BLOOD SELLER IN JAIL NOW. Detectives From Boston Say Reynolds Forgod

Bounty Certificates Notoriety in the case of Stephen A. Reynolds, who wrote to Supt. O'Rourke of Bellevue Hos pital on Thursday offering to sell some of his blood for \$20 to any anæmic person who wanted it, so that he and his wife might be tided over a time of need, bids fair to be the undoing of him. He was arrested yesterday and held on a charge of forgery from Boston just as matters looked most favorable for him. His blood-selling scheme had aroused

the sympathy of the charitable to such an extent that whatever his condition may have been before-and there is more than ; suspicion that it was by no means so desperate as he asserted-he was well supplied with money yesterday. He maintains stoutly that he is not the forger wanted. His misfortunes came about through the

Boston police reading what the New York papers printed about his offer to sell his blood They remembered that a man named Reynolds was wanted there for obtaining bounty money by forging names, and when they had communicated with Believue and learned that the name signed to the letter was Stephen A. Reynolds and not Joseph A. Reynolds as the newspapers had it, they were sure they were on the right track, for the forger's name, or one of his names, was Joseph A. Reynolds. Detectives F. A. Rhoades of Boston and D. W. Hammond of Haverhill came on here on Sunday evening and went yesterday to Reynolds's flat at 203 West Ninety-eighth street, armed with nothing better than a capias upon which they had no right to arrest him in his own house. So they said that they were reporters and wanted him to come to see the editor about writing a story for the paper. Two Central Office detectives who were waiting outside then arrested him, to which he readily assented. name signed to the letter was Stephen A

They took him directly to the Centre street They took him directly to the Centre street police court where he was arraigned yesterday afternoon. When he found that he was under arrest he took a big roll of bills from his pocket and stripping off \$31 gave it to his wife, who had followed him to court, returning to his pocket the rest of the roll, which did not look seriously depleted.

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The charge against Reynolds is that he signed false names to bounty certificates and forged to them the name of Capt. Copstantine Chase who is in command at Fort Trumbull. New London, thereby getting from the State of Massachusetts about \$1,500 in all in Spanish war bounties.

Before the war, according to the account given by the detectives, the State of Massachusetts offered a bounty of \$7 for every month that a volunteer from that State served, the certificates for the bounties to be signed by the officer with whom the man enlisted. Reynolds, it is charged, made out a score of such certificates varying in amount from \$50 to \$90 and signed Capt. Chase's name to each. Some of the names on which he is accused of collecting money are Frederick W. Marshall. M. D. Walden, Thomas P. French, and H. Davis. The police found that the man who had collected the money went under the name of Reynoids and he was indicted in April under that name and the name of Frederick W. Marshall. Since then the police have been looking for him. They sent word to the Detective Bureau of this city some weeks ago and detectives located the man in Thirty-ninth street, but could not get his number. His mail was being sent to Fort Wadsworth and he sent after it by messenger, warning the boy to make sure that he was not followed. The detectives got track of one of the messengers, but Reynolds found out that they were after him and fled to New Haven. Since then they had not heard of him till his arrest. All that he would say yesterday was that the charge against him was nonsensical and that it was a case of mistaken identity.

"If I had made all that mency by swindling," he said, "is it likely that I would be advertising to sell my blood?"

Mrs. Revnolds stayed around the court room till her husband was arraigned. She looks very young and her husband says that she is only 18. She is the daughter of a man named Badentopo, at whose home, 255 Rulland Road, Brooklyn, the couple were married several months ago. She says that she is an actress. She we

SKIPPED IN A CLOUD OF FEATHERS. Thieves Caught in a Burning Tenement Were

Lost When the Beds Were Thrown Out. A friendly cloud of goose and rooster feathers that settled down over Delancey streets yes

terday afternoon enabled three thieves to escape from a pair of confused detectives. The thieves had been found ransacking the rooms of a burning tenement house at 217 Delancey street, from which the tenants had police there is no meaner thief than the one who will rob a family turned out by fire, and the police who figured in this case did what they could to relieve their feelings by kicking their thieves half way down the flight of stairs to the street, intending to grab them again on the steps. But as the thieves reached the steps a score of feather beds, that had been thrown out of the Hebrew tenements upstairs by the firemen, plumped down on the sidewalk by the firemen, plumped down on the sidewalk and burst. Feathers rose up and swirled about in eddies. Fire Department wagons and horses were covered with them and so were hundreds of Hebrews who were in the streets enjoying the last hour of a forty-eight hour holiday. The thieves jumped into the crowd of feathers and escaped. After the cloud had cleared away the detectives yanked Morris Rosenstein and Isader Goodman out of the crowd and locked them up on suspicion that they were pickpockets.

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The fire started in the rear of Samuel Silver-The fire started in the rear of Samuel Silverstein's hat store on the ground floor, and, after burning up his stock in trade, went up through an air shaft to the roof, scorching all the apartments on the way. The flames also got through a partition on the street floor and didsome damage in Julius Adams's shoe store and Jacob Koss's clothing store. B. Baken's shoe store next door was not damaged, which was fortunate, because the adult Bakens had all gone out to celebrate the holiday, leaving a small boy locked in the store for safe keeping. The damage to the stores and tenements was about to the stores and tenements was about

CYMRIC BACK FROM THE WAR. The Big White Star Ship Carried the Imperial

Yeomanry Out to the Cape. The big twin-screw White Star steamship Cymric, which has been in the war service of England, taking troops to and from South Africa, arrived yesterday from Liverpool and Queenstown on her first trip as a merchantman since the beginning of the year. She left Liverpool for Cape Town on New Year's Day with 1,500 men and 450 horses. The ship was at Cape Town only forty-eight hours and was inspected by Lord Roberts and his staff. The

inspected by Lord Roberts and his staff. The little Irish General warmly greeted the men of the Cameronians, some of whom had served under him in India.

The Cymric sailed from the Cape with orders to look out for the disabled transport Manchester Corporation, which turned up at Cape Town just after the White Star boat got out of port. That delayed her many days. On her second trip to the Cape the Cymric carried the Imperial Yeomanry. It is said that the Imperials lived high as regular passengers of the White Star line. Some of the men in the ranks were of more social prominence and had more money than the officers. One of the sentinels outside the chief officer's door had an income of about \$70,000 a year. On her last trip from the Cape the Cymric carried a large number of sick and wounded, including some of the men who had gone out aboard her on her first trip. She arrived at Southampton on May 8, was sent to Liverpool, refitted and sailed for this port on May 25.

WEALTHY ENGINEER KILLED.

Coast Line Collision. RICHMOND, Va., June 4 .- An Atlantic Coas Line passenger train going at the rate of forty miles an hour crashed into a freight train stand ing on a side track at Garysburg this morning. Walter H. Cheatham of Richmond, enginee of the passenger train, and an unknown tramp were killed. Railway Mail Clerk McGeorge was injured and may die. The engineer of the freight train and both firemen were injured. The accident was caused by the switch being left open. The railroad officials say that this was done maliciously and two detectives have been sent to investigate the matter.

been sent to investigate the matter. Engineer Cheatham was the brother-in-law of Mayor Richard M. Taylor of Richmond. He was worth about \$40,000.

Owen Ziegler, the lightweight pugilist, was fined \$25 in the Court of | Special Sessions Brooklyn, yesterday on the charge of assault ing William Shields, a hotel keeper at Bath Beach. The assault occurred several weeks ago and it was the result of a quarrel over some business matters. Shields was badly beaten by Ziegier.

\$24,000 ALIMONY, PLEASE

PRINCESS CHIMAY'S BROTHER RE-SISTS HIS WIFE'S MOTION.

Suggestion That She Apply to the Police Courts, Where in Abandonment Cases Small Weekly Sums Are Allowed — Personal Beauty Not to Figure in the Case Victorine Amelia Herault Ward's motion for alimony and counsel fee in her action for a separation from Eber Brock Ward, on the ground of abandonment and cruelty, was argued yesterday before Justice Smyth in the Supreme Court. Ward is a brother of the Princess de Chimay who left her husband and children for the gypsy musician Rigo. The plaintiff puts the income of her husband at

about \$75,000 a year She asks for \$2,000 a month and \$5,000 counsel fee. Ward was a divorced man when at Paris on Sept. 22, 1897, he married the widow Herault who had a daughter. Blanche, now about 18 years old. At Aix-les-Bains, last July, the plaintiff avers, Ward abandoned her to take up with one Marie Louise Mignard. She recovered her husband from Miss Mignard at the beginning of the year and the pair with the plaintiff's daughter came over here on May 1. They dined together last Tuesday night at the Holland House, and the husband was served with the papers in the case after dinner. Regarding alleged attentions of Ward to her daughter Mrs. Ward avers:

"The defendant has endeavored to make advances to her which she has repulsed. This she has told me, and he has admitted it to me. would submit her affidavit but that I do would submit her amidavit but that I do
not desire that she be a witness if it can be
avoided. I do not wish her to be compelled
to testify or depose to matters which are necesarily offensive and repulsive to a pure young
gir!

Stress was laid in the argument on an alleged
letter which Ward had written to Uncle Thomas
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I hate to leave Victorine, because I am very much
in love with Blanche, and if I leave her mother I will
never be able to see her again. Blanche is my ideal
as far as dress and deportment go, and she is of
about the same moral standard as I am. It's a plty
she has never cared for me much, though lately she
has a good deal more. I think if I had waited she
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has a good deal more now, but it is unfortunately
too late, unless her mother would be good enough to
die, which is unlikely.

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Mrs. Ward further avers about her husband that most of the time since their marriage he has been in a state of intoxication; and further:

"For several months past the defendant has been continually armed, having at least one and sometimes two loaded revolvers upon his person, and always sleeping with one under his pillow, saying that his reason for doing so was that he did not know what I might endeavor to do to him that might make it necessary for him to be armed.

"Adrian H. Larkin of counsel for Ward, made the point that under the rulings of several Judges of the court no alimony should be granted in a separation suit, but Mrs. Ward should be referred to the Magistrates courts.

"A Police Magistrate would not allow more than \$5, \$10 or \$15 a week," said counsel for plaintiff.

"I know nothing of the kind," said Justice Smyth. "I want to know why you ask for \$2,000 a month alimony and \$5,000 counsel for a month alimony and \$5,000 counsel for Mrs. Ward further avers about her husband

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"I know nothing of the kind," said Justice Smyth. "I want to know why you ask for \$2,000 a month alimony and \$5,000 counsel fee." "The courts usually take into consideration," said counsel, "the circumstances of the parties, and the Wards have been living at the rate of \$40,000 a year. Besides, Ward's income is \$75,000 a year. Then, Mrs. Ward has a handsome young daughter."

"Never mind about that," said the Judge. "That's bosh here. It has no effect on my mind whatever. Is there anything in your papers about this girl being handsome or that the defendant is liable for her support?"

The lawyer said that his papers called her "pretty," and that the mother had to maintain her as befitted her station.

Lawyer Larkin said that soon after the marriage Ward had given his wife \$80,000, which she invested in Chicago real estate and from which she has an income of \$3,000 a year. Besides, she has \$110,000 in banks in Paris, which her husband had also given her.

In opposition, it was stated that her husband had cabled to the banks in Paris and had stopped payment of the money to her. Counsel said that while the money was in the name of the plaintiff, it belongs mostly to her daughter.

Lawyer Larkin said that he admitted that Ward had abandoned his wife last July, but they had become reconciled and were residing together when she had the papers in the case.

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Counsel got until to-day to submit additional papers, and the Court reserved decision.

BENHAM MURDER TRIAL

Witnesses for the Prosecution Become Good Witnesses for the Defence.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., June 4. The prosecution stand in the Benham murder trial to-day. the crowd was Holden T. Miller, who was Florence Tout's guardian at the time she eloped and married Howard Curtis Benham, who is now on trial for her murder. Many others who have figured in the famous case appeared, and it proved a great day for the defence. Arthur C. Wade, of counsel for the defence, cross-examined Dr. Tozier about his affidavit. The physician had stated in the affidavit that there were symptoms of an organic trouble.

Q. Now, doctor, we'll clear this matter up right here: did you discover symptoms of organic trouble? A. I did not. Q. Did you discover symptoms that led you to

believe there might be organic trouble? A. Yes, The inability of witness to remember some things in the affidavit in question led to a dis-

cussion, and he said he had been sworn five or six times and could not remember his exact statements every time. Mr. Wade-This then must be the sixth or seventh time you were sworn. Isn't it so that the ink hadn't more than got dry on one affidavit

than you had made one for the other side also? "Yes," chuckled the old doctor. Asked about the medicines he gave to Mrs.

Mr. Wade—I want to put a broad question to you: Was there ever anything said, a word spoken, a motion made all the time you called on her that indicated that Benham wanted to be present with his wife when you were not

on her that indicated that Benham wanted to be present with his wife when you were not present?

Dr. Tozier—I think not.
On re-direct examination the doctor told of a conversation in the Justice's office when Benham was first arraigned, at which time he claimed that Benham slyly asked him: "Have you found it?" When the doctor told him no, he said: "When you find it let me know, "meaning prussic acid in the stomach.

Frank Klein, Benham's coachman and expected to be the people's star witness, was next called. He often saw his employer and May Wiard of Batavia out riding together at night. Benham showed him a portrait and told him to take a diamond ring to Miss Wiard. Benham also told him he was in love with the young woman. On the night of Dec. 31, 1806, three days before Mrs. Benham died, he said to Klein: "I want you to stay in." Benham went up stairs, and in a few minutes the accused man shouted to him and the housekeeper to come up there. Witness heard Mrs. Benham say: "Too strong, I told you it was too strong," and a moment later she cried: "My tongue is paralyzed."

On the former trial Klein did not mention the latter exclamation. Mr. Wade asked him what made him remember the expression so long after he heard it. He could not say. Witness admitted that he slept on the bathroom floor in a hotel on Saturday night dead drunk, and that he has been intoxicated for the last three days.

After thoroughly confusing the witness, Mr. Wade came out flat-footed: You are a liar, aren't you? he asked.

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Witness answered. "Yes."

Klein said he testified at the former trial that Mrs. Benham was frothing at the mouth when he went upstairs. Pinned down by Mr. Wade he said that this was not so. The witness also testified that on the morning after Mrs. Benham's had spell of Dec. 3i. Benham exclaimed: "If she had died last night I would be worth \$30,000 to-day."

To-night the defence is jubilant. Benham left the court room with a beaming face and his four lawyers and aged parents shared his joy with him. The prosecution is correspondingly depressed.

Col. Haley to Command Canadian Militia

OTTAWA, Ont., June 4.- The Dominion Government has appointed Col. Richard Hebder O'Grady Haley, C. B., to be the General com-manding the Canadian Militia. in succession to Gen. Hutton, now serving in South Africa. Col. Haley, who is on the retired list of the British army, is 60 years of age. He served through the Egyptian war. the Egyptian war.

The House Belongs to Mrs. William V. King. Justice Andrews of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that the house 310 West Eightyeighth street standing in the name of William V. King, a former President of the Cotton Exchange, belongs to his wife Belle F. King, in a suit she brought to have it so decreed. King is WIN COLUMBIA SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Forty Successful Competitors Annouby the University Council Yesterday

The University Council of Columbia awarded the forty graduate scholarships in the univer sity at its meeting yesterday. There were more than a hundred applicants of whom the following were successful:

President's University Scholars—Ralph Pottet Bliss, Mathematics; Lee Byrne, Classical Philology; Dana Brackenridge Casteel, Zoology; John Smith Harrison, Comparative Literature; Holland Thompson, Political Economy and Eugene Morrow Violette; illistory. History.

University Scholars-Karl Kurt Bosse. Psychology
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Britt, Political Economy; Walter Ernest Clark, Political Economy; Samuel Benjamin Crandali, Public
Law: Arthur Robert Crathorne, Mathematics; Frank
Andrews Fall, Comparative Literature; James
Joseph Finnigan, Romance Languages; Guy
Stanton Ford, European History; Walter Baber
Graham, Constitutional Law; Clayton Mecker
Hamilton, English; Roland McMillan Harper,
Botany; Arthur Youle Mecker, History; Royal
Mecker, Political Economy; Herbert Raymond
Moody, Chemistry; Carl Madison Moore, Mathematics;
Arthur M. Murfin, Political Economy; Lloyd Cariton
Nicholson, Electro-Mechanics; John McClellan
Prather, Zoology; Robert Insall Raiman, English;
Harold Eugene Robertson, Philosophy; Edgar Walter
Roovers, German; Carlton Raymond Rose, Chemistry; Harry Hull St. Clair, Jr., Linguistics; George
Gilmore Scott, Zoology; Frank Edgar Spaulding,
Latin; John Edwin Wells, English; Edward Marsh
Williams, Botany; Edwin Campbell Woolley, Constitutional Law, and Lewis A. Youtz. Chemistry.

Curitis Scholars—Mary Josephine Emerson, Education: Elise Kupfer, Botany; Virginla Newcomb, Romance Languages, and Leila Clement Spaulding,
Greek.

The Alumni Association prize awarded annually to the most "faithful and deserving student" in the senior class will be given to Henry Starr Giddings, son of Prof. Franklin Henry Giddings of the department of sociology. The John Tyndail Fellowship for the Encouragement of Research in Physics has been awarded to Prof. Robert Bowle Owen, E. E., of McGill University, Montreal. John A. Matthews has won the Barnard Fellowship for Encouraging Scientific Research. The fellowship carries an annual stipend of \$500. The Henry Drisler Fellowship in Classical Philology, which also carries \$500 with it, will be awarded to Bert Hodge Hill.

HOSPITAL CHEMIST INSANE.

Thinks There's a Plot to Poison Him and Wants the Officials Arrested.

For several days a middle-aged man he haunted the Yorkville police court asking for a warrant for the arrest of the doctor at the German Hospital in Second avenue, who he declared had been trying to poison him. He described himself as Anton Liebig, and said he had been the hospital chemist until a few days ago, when he had to leave because of the attempts to poison him. The man's manner of telling his story aroused suspicion as to his sanity and he did not get a warrant. Yesterday, however, when he appeared as usual Magistrate Olmsted sent for the superintender

When the superintendent arrived Liebig told his story again. Before he left the hospital, he his story again. Before he left the hospital, he said, he found that poison had been put in strawberries, steak and beer intended for him. He made an analysis of the food and had discovered arsenic. The superintendent and one of the doctors who accompanied him ridiculed the tale. Liebig had been employed at the hospital for a year to put up prescriptions, they said. A week ago last Wednesday he went down town to consult a doctor. When he returned he told the superintendent that the doctor had said that he had only two days to live, and he wanted to write out his resignation, preferably in blood. He wrote out his resignation in red ink and left the hospital, refusing to spend another night there.

people, Magistrate Olmsted sent Liebig to Bellevue for examination as to his sanity. The hospital people say that while he was at the instipital people say that while he was at the tution his work was highly satisfactory.

FIRST RAPID TRANSIT STEEL. Contractor Pilkington Gets a Lot From the

Carnegle Company. The first consignment of steel to be used in the preliminary work incidental to the construction of the Rapid Transit Subway has plant at Pittsburg by Sub-Contractor James Pilkington, who is at work lowering the Bleecker street sewer and building a new sewer on the East Side to take the place of the Canal street brick sewer east of Elm street. His order was for 1,100 feet or \$2,500 worth of steel to was for 1,100 feet of \$2,500 worth of steel to be used in the construction of a rectangular sewer, seven feet by four and a half, in Oliver street. This steel was not provided for in the general contract awarded by the Rapid Transit. Construction Company to the American Bridge Company, but was ordered by Pilkington on his own responsibility.

The trench in Oliver street, beginning at South street, has already been extended west 500 feet but the building of the new East Side.

South street, has already been extended west 250 feet, but the building of the new East Side sewer will take 200 days. The Bleecker street work, already completed across Broadway, will be finished in about three weeks.

A delegation of citizens interested in the preservation of the trees on the Boulevard had a conference with Contractor McDonald, who is to build the Rapid Transit Tunnel, in the office of Commissioner of Highways Keating yesterday morning. Mr. McDonald told the delegation that he would do all in his power to save the trees.

ACADEMY OF STOCKBROKING. Tuition Paid, but the School Closed Suddenly

- Preceptors Attached. Deputy Sheriff Roberts received an attach ment yesterday against John E. Ruston and Warren T. Allen who composed the firm of J. E. Ruston & Co., stockbrokers, formerly at 45 Broadway. It is for \$5.307 and is in favor of George M. Fisher. It was obtained on the ground that the defendants are keeping concealed. The claim is for money loaned to the firm. It was stated that on Jan. 18 last Mr.

firm. It was stated that on Jan. 18 last Mr. Fisher loaned them \$500 to be repaid on Dec. 31, 1900, with interest payable monthly on the condition that the firm employ his two sons as clerks and teach them the stockbrokerage business. They were discharged on May 5, on which day the firm suddenly left the office and the furniture was removed and Mr. Fisher has not seen them since. On May 1 he had also loaned them \$307. Deputy Sheriff Roberts served the attachment on the City Chamberlain to attach \$2.500 cash deposited as ball for Allen, who was indicted in connection with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit rumors some months ago. The firm was formed in June, 1800, and was expelled from the Consolidated Stock Exchange on May 1 last. Stock Exchange on May 1 last.

Forest Caterpillar Ravaging Fruit and Shade Trees.

BOLIVAR, N. Y., June 4. - The forest cater pillar is ravaging the fruit, shade and forest trees in many sections of Allegany county, and the pest promises to be worse than last year. Many of the finest sugar maple groves were ruined last year and had to be cut down and marketed for lumber, owing to the ravages of the worms that stripped every bit of foliage from the trees. A dozen different remedies have been tried, but none of them appears to be successful. Already the worms are appearing in herds in some localities and unless the march is checked, serious damage will result to farmers.

Pioneer San Francisco Saloonkeeper Dead. SAN FRANCISCO, June 4 .- Sam S. Sample, one of the early saloonkeepers of San Francisco, is dead. He came from New York in 1858 and fitted up a saloon in Washington street, which htted up a sacon in washington street, which became the headquarters for the bonanza millionaires, Flood, Mackay, Fair and O'Brien. Sample knew and helped them when he had more money than they and in return they gave him tips on Comstock shares which made him wealthy. He was very generous, however, and gave away a fortune.

New Metropolitan Steamship Launched. WILMINGTON, Del., June 4 .- The steamship

James S. Whitney, built by the Harlan and Hollingsworth Company for the Metropolitan Steamship Company of New York, was launched this afternoon. She was named by Miss Ruth B. Whitney, daughter of H. M. Whitney, President of the steamship company. The vessel is 288 feet long, 43 feet wide and 29 feet depth of hold. She is the seventh steamship launched this year, by the company here. this year by the company here.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 4 .- Mrs. Daly, the bumboat woman of the flagship New York, had a narrow escape from drowning this morning. she was standing on the New York's gangway when the tackle holding it up broke, dropping her into the sea. She was fished out, but not before she let go of a satchel containing \$400. The New York will send divers down to try to

Patrick Smith, a street sweeper, became insane on Riverside Drive near Grant's Tomb last night and ran amuck with his broom through a crowd of women and children. He tipped over a baby carriage, saying that his orders were to sweep everybody over the embankment. A policeman grabbed him and he was taken to Manhattan Hospital in a patrol wagon.

HAD NO CHECK ON NEELY.

DIRECTOR RATHBONE TESTIFIES IN CUBAN POSTAL PRAUDS CASE.

Otter Lack of System in His Department -Rathbone Was Warned of the Danger of Thefts, but Did Nothing-The Method of

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA June 4 .- Ex-Director of Posts Rathoone was again on the witness stand in the court of the Cathedral district to-day testifying in the proceedings against Neely. No questions were asked concerning the allegations of Rich and Reeves that he received \$15,000 from Neely, but he was questioned closely concerning the entire lack of system which existed in the Department of Posts.

It appeared from the questions put to him that as far back as May 26, 1899. Rathbone ordered Special Agents Sullivan and Leatherman to make an investigation of the Bureau of Finance. Strangely enough, these inspectors reported on the following day, presumably having counted all the stamps and money and examined all the records in that time. Cursory as this examination must have been, the agents reported that differences existed in Neely's books between the amounts with which some of the postmasters were charged and with which they were credited. The amount of the discrepancies was small but it was not given. Although the agents, apparently, were confident that the discrepancies did not result from fraud they recommended that some sort of a check be put on the bureau, in which there was absolutely nothing to prevent unlimited theft. On May 31 Chief Special Agent Maynard,

following the suggestion of his subordinates.

wrote a report recommending that all post-

masters be required to make duplicate accounts of all stamps bought and sold and all money order transactions, one for the Bureau of Finance and the other for the Auditor's Department. This report went to Rathbone, who indorsed it and ordered that its provisions be adopted. He then sent it to Neely, who read it doubtless with great interest and then placed his initials on it. He passed it to Reeves, who likewise put his initials on it and then tucked it into a pigeon-hole, where it lay until May 15, 1900, ten days after the investigation commenced. It was then found covered with dust. Rathbone admitted all this. The papers have not yet been introduced as evidence, but they will be. The inspectors saw a great opportunity for Neely to steal and warned Rathbone. who apparently never took the trouble to see that his recommendations were carried out, not even determining the amount of the discrepancies existing in May, 1899 and the causes

With this absolute liberty it is not surprising that postal employees stole right and left. The only system, so far as Director of Posts Bristow can learn was to size up the month's receipts. take what was wanted, usually about half, and permit the Government to have the rest. As Neely kept no books showing the accounts of the individual postmasters, it was impossible to detect the thefts. The reports to the Auditor only gave the amounts on hand. The method of stealing was plain larceny.

Mr. Bristow, who is now figuring on the deficit, is taking no account of the losses incurred by the selling instead of burning the surcharged stamps. He says it is impossible to ever determine how much was made in this way, perhaps \$25,000 or \$50,000. His estimate of the approximate loss, which will be made public in a day or two, is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The sales of stamped paper in May amounted to \$31,312.95, which is double the amount averaged under Neely.

Gen. Maximo Gomez has returned to Havana from Santo Domingo. There was a parade in his honor on his arrival and he was escorted to his home. He made a speech in which he said that he had returned in fulfilment of promise never to desert Cuba. He will hold a reception to-morrow.

Seventeen hundred and fifty Cuban teachers have applied for permission to make the trip to the United States for educational purposes This is 300 more than can be accommodated. The arrangements are all complete for the departure of the various parties. The salaries of the teachers will be paid at all the ports of de-

ROCHESTER FORGED SCHOOL BILL. for the Grand Jury.

ALBANY, June 4.-County Judge Clifford D Gregory, when court convened at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that after a careful consideration of the evidence regarding the Rochster forged School bill, he had decided to hold ester forged School bill, he had decided to hold Edward H. Denniston, the Assembly index clerk, for the action of the Grand Jury, and said a warrant for his arrest would issue. Neither Mr. Denniston nor his attorney was in court when Judge Gregory announced his decision. Although Mr. Denniston was in town to-day the District Attorney consented that the warrant for his arrest should not be served until to-morrow morning, when he will be admitted to ball, probably in the sum of \$5,000.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 4 .- Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and her little son arrived from New York of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. J. P. Dun-can arrived here to-day from New York on his steam yacht Kanawha. William E. Iselin and a party of guests arrived here to-day on the schooner yacht Emerald. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. F. Robinson arrived at their Newport villa to-day.

Winners of the Sandham Prizes in Oratory.

The first Sandham contest in oratory took place yesterday in the auditorium of New York University at University Heights. Six men were selected for the final test. Dean Henry M. Baird presided, and after the contest prizes of \$75 and \$25 respectively were awarded to Walter L. Boyer and Aaron Eiseman, both of this

A New Munson Line to Cuba.

Mobile, Ala., June 4.- The Munson Line of steamships of New York has secured from the Mobile and Ohio Railroad control of the Mobile Cuban steamship line running steam vessels be-tween Mobile and Cuban ports. The transfer will be made on July 2. The contract was signed to-day.

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ASPHALTING BIDS CALLED FOR. Broadway From Fourteenth Street to Forty-

second Heads the List of Streets. Commissioner Keating advertised vesterday for bids to be opened on June 15 for paving

the following streets with asphalt: the following streets with asphalt:

Broadway, from Fourteenth street to Forty-second, including a space around Union Square; East 125th street, from Third arenue to Eighth; 103th street, from Boadway to Riverside Drive; Fifty-fith street, from Sixth avenue to Seventh and from Eighth to Ninth; Twelfth street from Third avenue to Fifth; Twenty-seventh, from Madison to Fifth; Eighth from Broadway to Macdougal street; Twenty-Eighth, from Eighth avenue to Ninth; Seventieth, from Columbus avenue to Hudson River; Twenty-fith and Thirty-third, from Fourth avenue to Madison: Thirteenth, from Third avenue to Second: Seventy-ninth, from the Boulevard to Amsterdam avenue.

Broadkyn atreets to be renaved in part are:

Brooklyn streets to be repayed in part are: McDonough, Dean, President, Macon, Pacific Suydam, Harrison and Pearl streets; St. Mark's. Will-oughby and Greene avenues.

LITIGATING BAPTIST CHURCHES. Accounting for \$50,000 in N. P. Bonds From

John D. Rockefeller Is in Question. The t tal of the suit of the Tabernacle Baptis Chures by the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church for an accounting for \$50,000 in securities which John D. Rockefeller had turned over to the defendant on certain conditions was begun yesterday before Justice conditions was begun yesterday before Justice Russell of the Supreme Court. The securities were bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, which passed dividends for a time, but which have become dividend-paying again. It is alleged that the defendant was to hold the bonds in trust and pay the dividends to the plaintiff. The Rev. Dr. D. C. Potter is behind the suit. The defendant contends that the transfer was revocable and void. The case was not concluded.

CONNECTICUT WILD MAN CAUGHT. He Has Been Frightening Women and H Proves to Be a Crazy Italian.

GREENWICH, Conn., June 4.- The wild man who has been exciting the western part of Connecticut and Westchester county captured last night by Constable John J. Nedley of Greenwich. He proved to be an Italian named Antonio Ballio, who is evidently insane named Antonio Ballio, who is evidently insane. When found he was gnawing at roots in the ground. In his pockets were stones and grass. His hair was long and unkemp, his face covered with a black beard and his feet bare. Judge Burnes to-day sentenced him to jail for ninety days. Three young women, Jane Fairmelt, Rachel Matison and Margaret Nedling identified him as a man who during the past few months has frightened them several times.

THOMAS STILL UNDER INDICTMENT March Indictment Against Corey of the Hay market Dismissed.

Police Captain Thomas is still under indictment. He said on Sunday that the indictments against him had been dismissed by Justice against him had been dismissed by Justice Fursman. Justice Fursman said yesterday that he had not disposed of the matter yet. Judge Cowing dismissed yesterday the indictment found by the March Grand Jury against Edward B. Corey, proprietor of the Haymarket, on the ground that the indictment was founded upon insufficient evidence. Corey was charged with maintaining a disorderly resort and the evidence against him was supplied by the Rev. Charles J. Adams.

Two Boys Drowned.

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 4.-Fred and Charles Johnson, aged respectively 8 and 10 years, were drowned yesterday in Storm Lake at Stormville. With several other boys they were playing in a boat, which was carried out on the lake ing in a boat, which was carried out on the lake by the action of the waves. The boys became frightened and, supposing the water shallow jumped overboard. The water was deep and only the oldest brother could swim. He tried to save his brothers, but failed. He succeeded in reaching shore alive. The bodies of the drowned children were recovered. The boys were sons of Lewis Johnson, a farmer residing in the neighborhood.

Lehigh Valley Railroad's Summer Book. The Summer Resort Guide and book of general information regarding points of interest along the route of the Lehigh Valley Railroad has just been issued by the company. It is profusely illustrated and has a handsome cover. Besides a long list of mountain, lake and seaside resorts, it contains much historical and useful information for the guidance of the tourist and visitor. Copies may be had for the asking at any office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

At the annual meeting of the Brooklyn League, held in the Real Estate Exchange on Montague street last night these officers were elected: J. Hampdon Dougherty, Chairman, Col. Willis L. Ogden and Edward B. Lent, Vice-Presidents; Samuel Rowland, Treasurer.

The high pressure area which passed over the lake regions was central yesterday over the New England Staves, keeping the weather cool on the Atlantic Coast south of Virginia. There was a second high pressure area over the Rocky Mountain States. 42 degrees at Lander, Wyo. A moderate depres sion appeared on the West Gulf Coast and another in the extreme northwest, each surrounded by generally fair weather. It was warmer in the central States. Fair weather was general, save for local showers and was operated on for appendicitis last week, was progressing remarkably well toward recovery. thunder storms, in Tennessee, Georgia. Alabama and

In this city the day was partly cloudy; wind northeasterly and fresh; average humidity 67 per cent. barometer, corrected to read to sea level at 8 A. M. 30.14: 3. P. M., 30.15. The temperature as recorded by the official ther ometer, and also by THE SUN'S thermometer at the

street level, is shown in the annexed table: -Ometal Sun's Ometal Sun's 1900, 1899, 1900, 1900, 1899, 1900, 1900, 1899, 1900, 1900, 1899, 1900, 1809, 1900, 1809, 1900, 1809, 1900, 190 WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND

TO-MORROW For New England, fair and warmer to-day and Wednesday: fresh northeast winds becoming variable to-day and shifting to south Wednesday. For eastern New York, fair to-day with warmer in south portion; fresh northeast winds becoming variable;

For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennayiyania New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, partly cloudy to-day with moderate temperature; showers and warmer Wednesday; fresh northeast winds to-day. For western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, fair to-day with warmer in north portion; Wednesday fair in north, showers in south portion; fresh east to northeast winds.

For western New York, fair to day; fair and warmer Wednesday: fresh northeast winds becoming variable and shifting to south

WOMAN'S CHARGE PAILS IN COURT. Capt, Burslem of the Democratic Club, Whom

She Accused of Swindling, Released. Capt. Godolphin F. Burslem, who was arrested at the Morton Houseon Saturday on the charge of having swindled Mrs. Carrie Kramer, of 288 West Fourteenth street, out of \$1,000 by selling to her stock in the Whitney Safety Firearms to her stock in the Whitney Safety Firearms Company, was discharged in the Centre street police court yesterday, but not until some further details of the transaction had been brought out. Burslem testified that he met Mrs. Kramer through a matrimonial advertisement and undertook to provide her with a suitable husband. All he did was to introduce her to William H. Whitney of the firearms concern. Burslem, whe is a member of the Democratic Club, was formerly in the British army and says he was once assistant secretary on the staff of Sir Bartle Frere in South Africa.

BROADWAY BLUECOAT RUN OVER. ing Across the Street.

Policeman Michael W. Butlet was painfully injured yesterday morning by being run down by a horse and wagon at Fifty-fourth street and Broadway, where he is stationed to take care of the hundreds of school children who care of the hundreds of school children who cross Broadway at that point on their way to the public school between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Butler was piloting several little girls across Broadway when the horse dashed up behind him. He was pushing two of the little girls who were the last of the group out of the way when he was run down and the horse fell upon him. He had to be sent home in a carriage. James Thomson, a plasterer of 939 Eighth avenue, who drove the wagon, was arrested and held for reckless driving.

B. R. T. TRIALS ON JUNE 18. Ex-Gov. Black Decides Not to Ask Leave to

See the Grand Jury's Minutes. Justice Fursman has fixed Monday, June 18, for beginning the trial of Alfred R. Goslin. Eugene L. Packer, Henry Bogart, Henry J. Alexander and Charles T. Davis, indicted for Alexander and Charles T. Davis, indicted for conspiracy in circulating false rumors tending to depreciate the value of Brooklyn Rapid Transit shares. They will all be tried together. Excov. Black, who appeared for Goslin, said that he would make a motion for leave to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury.

"You can consider that motion denied," said Justice Fursman.

"Then I will not make it." answered Gov. Black.

STEAMSHIP OEVENUM ASHORE.

Capt. Costa Silva. Hagemeyer & Brunn, agents in this city for the Portuguese steamer Oevenum, have received a despatch from Oporto to the effect ceived a despatch from Oporto to the enect that the Oevenum has run ashore at Leixoes, near Oporto. It is believed that the cargo, which consists of general merchandise, can be saved. The Oevenum, Capt. Costa Silva, left this port on May 17. She carried 150 passengers, who disembarked at the Azores. Capt. Silva, who is only 24 years of age, was formerly first officer and was making his first trip as captain.

New York's Crank Pin Found to Have Broken The American liner New York, which arrived last week from Southampton and Cherbourg, under her starboard engines, having lost her port propeller when three days out, will not be able to resume her trips for several weeks. Her engineers found that a crank pin of her starboard engines was fractured. That is the reason the line gave up the notion of sending her to Southampton under her starboard engines only, as was announced on the day she got here. She will go to Newport News on June 13, taking with her the duplicate port propeller and other machinery due here from Southampton on Saturday.

Summer Inspection of Department of Buildings Force.

The annual summer inspection of the uni formed force of the Department of Buildings of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx was held yesterday at the department offices at 220 Fourth avenue, when the inspectors of the several divisions were reviewed by Commissioners Brady, Guilfoyle and Camp-bell. The men appeared in new uniforms of dark blue serge, with burnished brass buttons and broad brimmed straw hats, with blue rib-

Drink of Whiskey Kills a Child.

Kate Foley, the three-year-old daughter of John Foley of 44 Driggs avenue, Williamsburg, died early yesterday morning of the effects of whiskey which she drank on Sunday from a small tumbler left on a kitchen table. The child's parents were sleeping when she got out of bed and swallowed the liquor. Shortly afterward she went into convulsions. A doctor who was summoned vainly tried to save her life.

Counterfeiters' Dies Found. Detective Michael Summers of the Mulberry street station turned over to the custody of

Commissioner Shields yesterday a cigar box containing six steel stamps for the manufacture of counterfeit 25 and 50-cent pieces. It had been found in the cellar of 144 Baxter street by workmen who were laying a concrete floor. Mr. Rockefeller Still Improving W. G. Rockefeller, son of William Rocke-

feller, reported yesterday that his father, who

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